



To the End of the Earth it Begins

Acts 13:1-12

Sunday, May 28, 2017

4. Keep **INVESTING** and **RISKING** for the Multiply Mission.

Staying “mission HOT” is a huge challenge. How can we do it? The church at Antioch, Barnabas and Paul provide us some pointers in Acts 13 as they begin to take the Gospel to the “the end of the earth” together in obedience to Jesus’ promise and command . . .

5. Find and spend time with **NOT YET CHRISTIANS**.

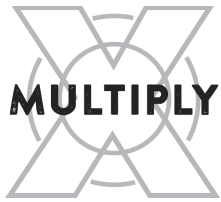
1. Remember the Multiply Mission is **JESUS’**.

6. Think **MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES & MISSIONAL TEAMS**.

2. Recognize the Multiply Mission is **OURS**.

7. Expect **OPENNESS** and **OPPOSITION** to the Gospel.

3. Keep **SEEKING** the **LORD** together.



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Connecting & Caring Together (about 20 min.)

In this 8th week of Spring Growth Groups, take time to share something you've been thinking about and feeling this week.

Grappling with God's Word Together (about 20 - 30 min.)

1. How did you come under God's Word in the message this week?
2. Pastor Tim shared 4 barriers in his own heart which often keep him from burning "mission HOT": Fear, distraction, lethargy/comfort, busyness. Which one is your biggest barrier to "living on mission" for Jesus? Are there others?
3. Read Acts 11:19-26 and 13:1-12. What is happening in these verses? Why is this text an incredibly significant, but easy to miss, turning point in the overall flow of Acts?
4. The church at Antioch burned HOT for the mission of Jesus. Why would we say that based on the Acts 11 and Acts 13 texts? What evidence do we see for that statement in these texts? How would you describe this church?

5. Barnabas and Paul go to where not yet Christians are. It's easy for us to stay in our Christian enclaves where it's safe and comfortable. Where are places in your life where you're with not yet Christians? Do you see yourself "on mission" when you're with those people? If not, how could you start in situations where it might not be appropriate to verbally share your faith, what are some other ways you can be "living on mission" with these folks?
6. The church at Antioch was a missional community reaching out around them. Barnabas, Paul and John Mark were a missional team. What are some of the benefits and blessings of "living on mission" as communities and teams, as opposed to attempting to "live on mission" alone?
7. Do you tend to see people as open or opposed to the Gospel? Which is your default assumption? Why do you think that is? Is that based on experience? What would happen if you assumed that not yet Christians might be one or the other.

Praying Together (about 20 min.)

Share needs. Cry out to the Lord together, as did the church at Antioch. Align your hearts with Jesus' mission.